

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): An object comprising an at least partly electroconductive support having a surface provided with a protective layer, said surface including at least a first surface area
10 (2) whose protective layer is ~~formed by~~ an electrochemically formed outer layer, and a second surface area (1),

~~which~~ wherein said surface areas (1, 2) are distinguishable by virtue of the fact that said surface areas (1, 2) are different from each other in at least one visual property,

15 characterized in that the protective layer in said first surface area is a wear and scratch resistant layer,

said protective layer in said second surface area (1) is ~~embodied so as to be~~ a wear and scratch resistant sol-gel lacquer layer, said second surface area being free from additional protective layers, and

20 the protective layer in said first surface area is free from a sol-gel lacquer layer.

Claim 9 (currently amended): An object as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sol-gel lacquer layer is applied directly onto the support.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An object as claimed in claim ~~8 or 9~~, ~~which object~~ wherein said
25 surface further comprises a third surface area (3) whose protective layer is formed by an electrochemically formed outer layer which differs from the electrochemically formed outer layer of the first surface area (2) in at least one visual property.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An object as claimed in ~~any one of the claims claim 8 to 10~~,
30 which object further comprises an engraving (3), which extends in both the electrochemically formed layer and the sol-gel lacquer layer.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An object as claimed in ~~any one of the claims 8 to claim 11~~, wherein the support is at least partly made from aluminium, and the electrochemically formed layer is an anodized layer.

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Claim 13 (currently amended): An electric shaver provided with an object as claimed in ~~any one of the claims claim 8 to 12~~.

Claim 14 (new): An object as claimed in claim 8, wherein at least a portion of said sol-gel lacquer layer directly adjoins at least a portion of said first surface area.

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Claim 15 (new): An object as claimed in claim 14, wherein said surface further comprises a further area (3) of said surface, whose protective layer is an electrochemically formed outer layer different from said electrochemically formed outer layer of the first surface area (2) in at least one visual property.

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Claim 16 (new): An object as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least a portion of said sol-gel lacquer layer directly adjoins at least a portion of one of said surface areas..

Claim 17 (new): An object as claimed in claim 16, which object further comprises an engraving (3) which extends in both the sol-gel lacquer layer and at least one of the electrochemically formed layers.

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Claim 18 (new): An object as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that said sol-gel lacquer layer is a polymeric material.

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Claim 19 (new): An object as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that said polymeric material has a main chain consisting of inorganic compounds.

Claim 20 (new): An object as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that said sol-gel lacquer layer has a thickness less than 50 μm .

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Claim 21 (new): An object as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that said main chain is a polysilicate chain.

5 Claim 22 (new): An object as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that said polymeric material comprises organic side groups.

Claim 23 (new): An electric shaver as claimed in claim 13, wherein the sol-gel lacquer layer is applied directly onto the support.

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Claim 24 (new): An electric shaver as claimed in claim 13, wherein said surface further comprises a third surface area (3) whose protective layer is formed by an electrochemically formed outer layer which differs from the electrochemically formed outer layer of the first surface area (2) in at least one visual property.

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Claim 25 (new): An electric shaver as claimed in claim 13, wherein said object further comprises an engraving (3), which extends in both the electrochemically formed layer and the sol-gel lacquer layer.

20 Claim 26 (new): An electric shaver as claimed in claim 13, wherein the support is at least partly made from aluminium, and the electrochemically formed layer is an anodized layer.

Claim 27 (new): An electric shaver as claimed in claim 13, wherein at least a portion of said sol-gel lacquer layer directly adjoins at least a portion of said first surface area.

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